
WRAP-UP

Col Judson E. Stailey, USAF
Assistant Federal Coordinator for
Air Force and Army Meteorological Affairs,
Office of the Federal Coordinator for
Meteorological Services and Supporting Research

Summary and Next Steps

Based on the results of the workshop, OFCM will address follow-up and development of related issues in three phases—near term, mid term, and long term.

Near Term—Results of the Workshop

The OFCM staff will consolidate the results of the workshop, particularly the scenarios and associated criteria, and forward that information to participants for review and comment. Participants were asked to review the criteria and scenarios (including modifications to workshop scenarios and suggestions for additional scenarios) and provide any comments they might have to the breakout group chairs. OFCM will convene a Joint Action Group (JAG) to investigate additional scenarios and apply the criteria to existing models.

Mid Term—Evaluation of Models

In the two-to-six-month timeframe, the JAG will investigate the status of ATD model evaluation within the federal agencies and work toward establishing an agreed-upon set of steps for evaluating models across those agencies. In addition, the JAG will identify model shortfalls and consider research priorities to fill those gaps. Toward the end of the period, the results of the work on model evaluation and technical shortfalls will be presented to the agencies along with recommended actions. During this period OFCM will publish the proceedings of this workshop.

Long Term—Strategic Planning

In the six-to-twelve-month timeframe, a plan will be devised to address the technological shortfalls identified during the previous phase and to follow-up on any broadly accepted process for evaluating ATD models. Finally, consideration will be given to identifying or developing a community ATD model or toolkit of models to be used for ATD.